

The s. s. *Magut* left Singapore on the 15th inst., and is due here on or about the 7th

**MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF
A GOVERNMENT OFFICER.**
ALLEGED HEAVY DEMOLITION.
A feeling of painful surprise was experienced throughout the Colony last night upon its being bruited that Mr. Andronico F. Alves, one of the Treasury staff, had mysteriously, and a still more sinister aspect was given to the rumour

It appears that Mr Carvalho, one of the oldest and most respected of the Portuguese servants in the employ of this Colony, retired, on pension from the position of first clerk of the Treasury, in 1862, and was succeeded by Mr Alves, the second clerk and accountant. The promotion has not been gazetted, but it is believed that the promotion was made as from the beginning of 1863, and that Mr Alves had received a salary of £25,000 required for the first clerical and cashier had not yet been arranged. A second clerk and accountant, Mr Alves had the special department of the Crown rents under his care, and the rumour is that he had been detected in the misappropriation of the Crown rents and has taken refuge in the place during 1862 previous to Mr Alves' promotion. The defalcation is said to have been detected in the most casual way by Mr Alves' Successor on Saturday last, and a certain payment by the Company which pays its Crown rent half-yearly in a large

day laid the accounts for 1891-92 before the Official Auditor, Mr Nicolle, discovered the discrepancy. It was at first assumed that the discrepancy had arisen from the Company not having paid up the full amount, and Mr Nicolle was about to return to the office to show him the production of the receipts that were due. There was no claim against the Company. Upon this being brought to the notice of Mr Colonial Treasurer, he called upon Mr Alves for an explanation. That official protested the profoundest astonishment that such a discrepancy could occur, and asked for further information in that he obtained certain books with a view of checking the entries and correcting the mistake. Nothing definite seems to have been done during the whole of Monday. Mr Alves was busy in the office till close upon the dinner hour, and then he went home to dine. He left his house at his customary time between 9 and 10 a.m. on Tuesday morning, and was then seen in Shelley Street, at the

no one seems to have observed him, nothing is known of his whereabouts. Telegrams were despatched at once to Hanoi and Canton, and during the day a steamer leaving the harbor was most fully searched by detectives. No effort appears to have been made by the Treasury Department to secure the detention of Alves until the forenoon of Tuesday. A warrant was issued which authorized the steamer leaving the harbor at five o'clock, the sum stated being \$1,660, and the following notification has been posted by the police:

Description of Andronico F. Alves.

Born at Macau.	Age.	About 60 years.
Profession	Clark.	
Height		5 feet 6 inches.
Build		Stout.
Hair		Black; getting gray.
Eyebrows		Dark.
Nose		Round.
Mouth		Large.
Chin		Round.
Face		Round.
Complexion		Dark.
Beard		Shaven on chin.
Moustache		Dark, getting a little turned.
Wanted for Larceny of \$1,930.		
Marked		None mentioned.
Dress		Dark Jacket and trousers.

Usually wore gold pipe-nose (eyeglasses) trousers yesterday were light.

It now appears that the majority

for the purpose of checking have also appeared. The result was that the money was not related as to the amount it had been embezzled, as to the length of time over which the dishonest system was extended, and as to the various methods by which the money was obtained. The books manipulated, Rampey placed the total of the defalcations at between \$20,000 and \$200,000.

The painful surprise with which the government had been received was accounted for by the fact that Alres was one of the best of the Portuguese civil servants and he had always been looked upon as one of the most reliable men who had taken a position in the Colony in some measure because of his intelligent and prepossessing manner. He has a large family, of whom many were young, and he was a well-to-do gentleman, and a long career in the service of the Government. Mr. Alres first entered the service in 1861, and for eight years was in the highest position of the General's office. In 1883 he was transferred to the Treasury Department,

committed suicide. No information as to his whereabouts was to hand at the Post Station when we went to press.

GOVERNMENT CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.
PRESENTATION OF PRIZES BY LADY ROBINSON.
 The annual prize distribution in connection with the Government Central School for Girls was held at the school on the 10th inst. The prizes were presented by Lady Robinson, who was accompanied by Mr. J. H. Robinson, M.P., and Mr. J. H. Robinson, M.P.

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own accord, it is an essentially English institution. The language of the school is English. The Chinese is taught optionally, as an accomplishment in needlework and music. Even in the case of those children whose mother tongue is Chinese, experience has proved that it is much easier for Chinese children to learn English than for English teachers to learn Chinese. Of course we have pupil teachers

for the principal disturbers, upsetting and smashing seats and trampling down all antagonists in their way. Commissary Vernon then called in the two bodies of the police, each of a hundred strong, and cleared the hall.

London, Jan. 7.—The Paris correspondent of the *Morning Post* attended the meeting called by the *Libre Parole* at the Tivoli Vaux Hall last night. "A lighted torch was thrown from the gallery by the Marquis de Mores was speaking. It was mistaken for a bomb and produced a partial panic. Then a determined effort was made to storm the platform, panted with reporters, whose position was exceedingly original. The *Libre Parole* were thrown down the Marquis de Mores, and his little band of adherents were obliged to stand their ground; as there was no rear exit, and there was a terrible struggle. Many nasty wounds were inflicted. The police and his pitched battle was fought by the police and the factions of the audience. Many were removed unconscious from the hall, and various arrests were made. Serious developments were expected only by the moderation of the police."

The Paris correspondent of the *Standard* says that a cartriage, 5 inches long and 2 inches in diameter, with a lighted fuse attached to it, was thrown into the audience at the anti-slavery meeting last night. The fire was carried out by a policeman, and the police are trying to give the impression that the cartriage was only a cigar.

EUROPEAN REMOIRS.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The cold is growing and increasing day after day, throughout the Continent. Thermometer stands below but 11 degrees above zero, Fahrenheit, in this city. Heavy snow is falling in the Harz mountains, and a suspension of traffic is threatened on several railways. All the rivers are frozen, and many in Austria are frozen and eight feet are being organized in most of the cities. In Vienna the snow-fall has afforded occupation to the thousands of the unemployed who will be kept busy all night clearing the city streets of the snow. The police say that the harbor presents an Arctic scene.

Rome, Jan. 2.—The Pope has founded an apostolic vicariate in British Honduras, and has appointed Mgr. S. di Pietro to the office.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Mgr. Charles Philipp Pilech, Cardinal Priest and Archbishop of Rennes, is dying in Rennes.

Vienna, Jan. 5.—Anto Non-Schmerling, who is noted as one of the founders of the Austrian Catechism, has died.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The prevailing opinion is that M. Floquet's re-election as President of the Chamber is certain.

Rome, Jan. 5.—The Pope has declined to receive Senor Vatorin, the Spanish Envoy recently appointed to the Spanish Legation, on account of immoral novels.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The application of the Factory Laws reducing the hours of labor

in factories, mines, etc., has caused a reduction of wages throughout Franco-Belgian straits have been created, notably in the Department of the Nord.

Mr. Teyss, Jan. 6.—Great excitement was caused in Neunkirchen, a town of Lower Austria, to-day, by a successful attempt to blow up the house of the editor of the "Conservative paper published here. The explosive used was dynamite, and the house was almost completely demolished.

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—FEB. 1, 1893.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. New Issue.....	80,000	\$	125 all	115 3/4 prem. sellers
Bank of China, Japan and Straits, Ltd., New Issue.....	99,375	£	10 1/2	1.15 3/8, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited.....	1,280	£	10 1/2	1.20, buyers
		£		8.10 90 d. div. nom.
MARINE INSURANCE.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.....	10,000	\$	250 1/2	250 1/2
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.....	84,000	\$	83 3/8	85 1/8, sellers
Norwich China Ins. Co., Ltd.....	20,000	£	200	200 1/2 buyers
Strait Settlements Ins. Co., Ltd.....	30,000	£	100 1/2	20 1/4, sellers
Union Insurance Society of Co., Ltd.....	10,000	£	200	200 1/2, sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd. New Issue.....	8,000	£	100 all	100, sellers
FIRE INSURANCE.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.....	40,000	£	100 1/2	100 1/2, sales
Guangchow Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.....	8,000	£	250 1/2	260 1/2, sales
Singapore Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.....	20,000	£	100 1/2	100 1/2, sales
TRUST AND MARINE INSURANCE.				
Singapore Insurance Co., Ltd. in Liq. New Issue.....	40,000	£	100 1/2	100 1/2, buyers
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. New Issue.....	12,500	£	125 all	125 1/2 prem.
China and Manila S. B. Co., Ltd.....	5,000	£	50	50 1/2, sellers

China S. S. N. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	20	all	\$50, ex div., sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	10	all	45, ex div.
Steam Launch Company, Limited	2,000	10	3	\$30, sellers
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	50	10	24, nom.
		10	1	24, nom.
Do. (new issue)	20,000	10	1	\$23
STEAMERS.				
China Sagar Company, Limited	15,000	100	a	\$155
Kanoo Sagar Company, Limited	7,000	100	a	\$373
WHARVES.				
H.K. & Co. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	50	all	\$45
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,600	100	37	\$42
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	100	50	\$55, ex div., sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company	1,000	60	3	\$72, sales
Hampreys' Estate & Finance Co.	6,000	10	all	\$184
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	50	40	\$26
TRAMWAYS.				
H.K. Kowloon Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,200	100	all	\$524
MIXING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	4,500	5	all	\$55, sales and buyers
Panjoon Mining Co., Ltd.	30,000	5	all	\$394, sales and buyers
Selangor Mining Company, Limited	11,000	1	40	ets 4 cents
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	25,000	100	all	\$40, sales and buyers
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	15,000	1	all	25 cents, sales and sellers
New Laurium Mines Co., Ltd.	175,000	17	1/2	\$1, nom.
Kelani and Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	20,000	1	13	\$23, new.
Société Française des Houillères de Touraine	3,000	500	37	75 % din., sellers

China-Euroasia Company, Ltd.....	7,500	\$	50	a	\$1, sales
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited.....	4,000	\$	1	a	\$12, sellers
HOTELS, ETC.					
Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited.....	6,000	\$	50	a	\$4, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.....	6,000	\$	50	a	\$21, sales
3,000 shares issued.....	6,000	\$	50	a	
DISPENSARIES.					
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.....	50,000	\$	10	a	\$15, sales
Dakin, Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.....	50,000	\$	5	a	\$2
LIGHTING.					
Y.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.....	7,000	£	0	a	\$100
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.....	30,000	\$	10	a	\$62, sales
BRICKS AND CEMENT.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.....	20,000	\$	50	all	\$3, sellers
Hongkong Brick & Cement Co., Ltd.	4,000	\$	15	\$12.50	\$51, nom.
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited ...	1,250	\$	10	all	\$4, sellers
Lee, Fenwick & Co., Limited.....	2,000	\$	25	20	\$144, buyers
London Baker Company, Ltd.....	8,000	\$	all		\$35
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.....	6,000	\$	0	all	\$5.

Shing & Ppa. Manufactory Co., Ltd.	\$500	\$	60	all	\$100
* Founder's shares					

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial Ed- DEBENTURES.	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 p. annu.	15 % prem., buyers
Hongkong Hotel Mort- gage Debentures. 1899	\$ 400,000,0	\$50	1, prem.	\$500

Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

List of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at the shore are marked *k*, near the Kowloong shore *k*, and those in the body of the Harbour marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Ship and Agent.		Tonn.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Str.	3142	Jan.	31 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	To-morrow	
Str.	3076	Jan.	29 Jardine, Matheson & Co.		To-morrow	
Str.	1905	Jan.	31 Jardine, Matheson & Co.		To-morrow	
Str.	484	Oct.	14 Order		To-morrow	
Str.	1067	Jan.	31 Yuen Fat Hong	Singapore	To-morrow	
Str.	1194	Feb.	1 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Singapore	To-morrow	
Str.	676	Nov.	30 Siemens & Co.	To-morrow	
Str.	1016	Jan.	21 Wieler & Co.		To-morrow	
Str.	177	Feb.	1 Winder & Co.		To-morrow	
Str.	3003	Feb.	1 Canadian Pacific Railway Co.	Yamha & Vancouver	To-morrow	
Str.	742	Jan.	29 Melchers & Co.		To-morrow	
Str.	1147	Feb.	1 Dodwell, Garill & Co.	Moji	To-morrow	
Str.	397	Jan.	30 Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Hollow, &c.	To-morrow	
Str.	2643	Jan.	29 David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow	
Str.	1890	Jan.	29 Cavalli		To-morrow	

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